



Photo of main entrance to Frankfort
Kentucky State Penitentiary courtesy
of Anne H. Lee

www.usgennet.org/usa/ky/county/franklin/index/KYStPen.html



Former Prison Site – State Office Building built on site in 1938 after prison was abandoned for new facilities at LaGrange and PeeWee Valley.

Maryland Ave National Guard Complex

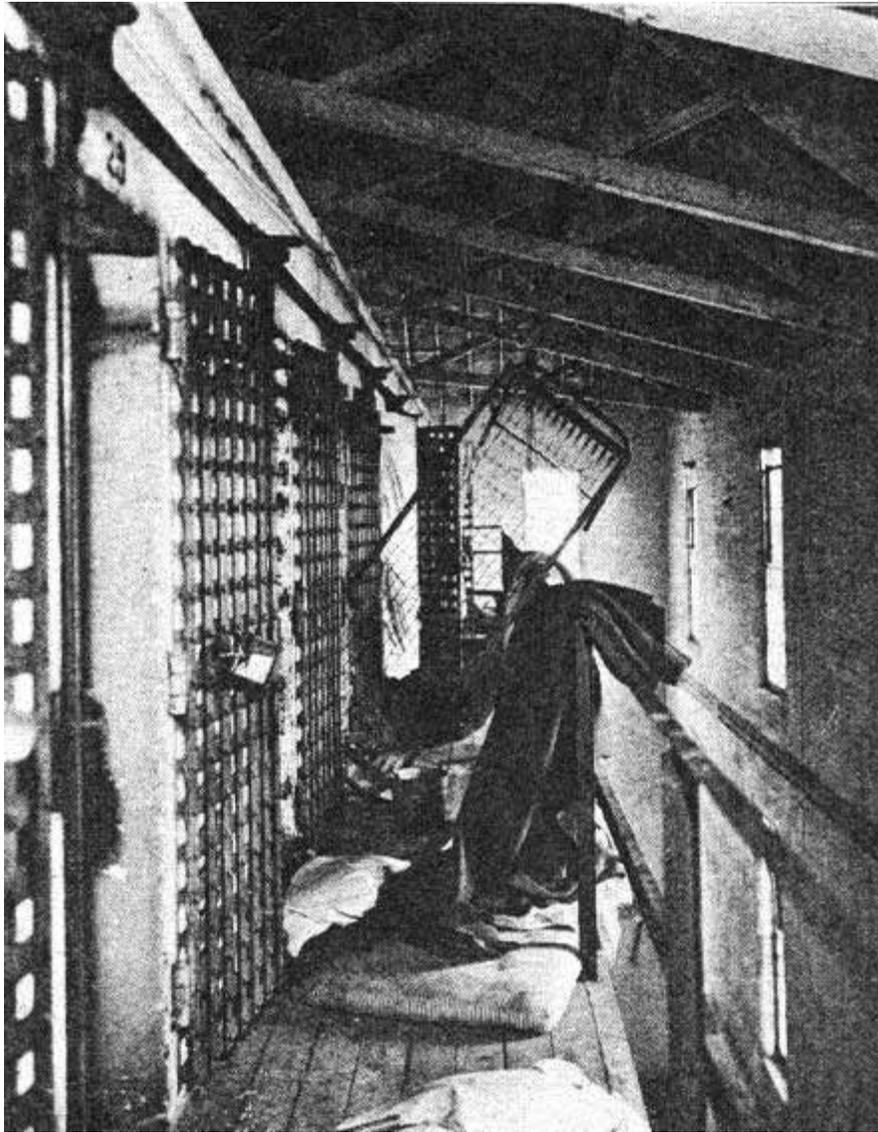


Old State Arsenal

Approximate Prison Camp Area
– Exact location and dimensions unknown. Believed to have been approximately 25 acres. Now Cabinet for Families and Children.



SHATTERED CELL BLOCK A scene at the Kentucky State Prison at Frankfort, after the convicts had been evacuated. Three days of rioting preceded the removal of the convicts, as the flood waters crept higher and higher. PICTURES INC- PHOTO Photos courtesy Kentucky Historical Society - Chescheir Collection. Taken from publication titled "Flood: the Great 1937 Disaster" published by Picture Press, Wilkes-Barre, PA



TRAPPED LIKE RATS Iron cots swung by water-trapped convicts, smashed window bars and cell doors at the State Prison at Frankfort, Ky, before the prisoners were removed. Here is a top cell block as it appeared after the rioting, as flood waters came to the top of the lower block of cells.

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Note Kentucky National Guard soldier in pill box and walkway constructed for the evacuation.

WRECKAGE IN FRANKFORT "PEN" Debris and wreckage in the yard of the Kentucky State Prison, after the prisoners had rioted, terror-stricken by the steadily rising waters lapping at the lower cell blocks. The prisoners were finally quelled by National Guardsmen and moved to a tent prison nearby. Photos courtesy Kentucky Historical Society - Chescheir Collection. Taken from publication titled "Flood: the Great 1937 Disaster" published by Picture Press, Wilkes-Barre, PA



Kentucky National Guard members lined both sides of East Main Street and escorted prisoners from the State Penitentiary transportation to other facilities or to the National Guard Armory at Maryland Avenue. This photo was taken from the grounds of the Old State Arsenal across East Main Street. Photo courtesy of Capital City Museum, Frankfort Kentucky.



Point where convicts
were loaded on busses.
Courtesy Kentucky
Historical Society.



Bus load of convicts removed from the prison. Courtesy Kentucky Historical Society.

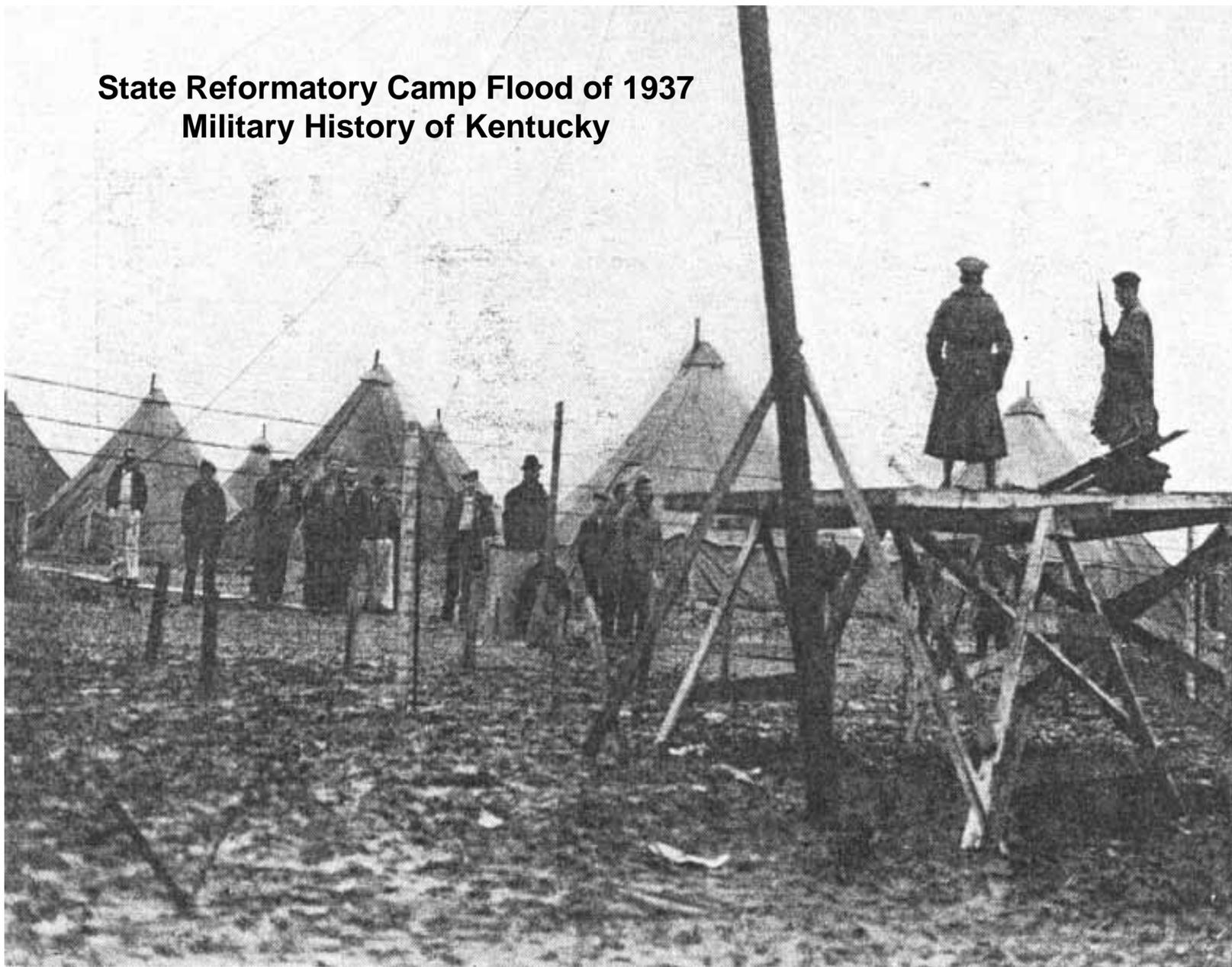


Kentucky National Guard members are carefully watching over the prisoners as they were from the State Penitentiary. This photo is identified as Broadway and Main Street. Photo courtesy of Russ Hatter, Capital City Museum, Frankfort Kentucky.

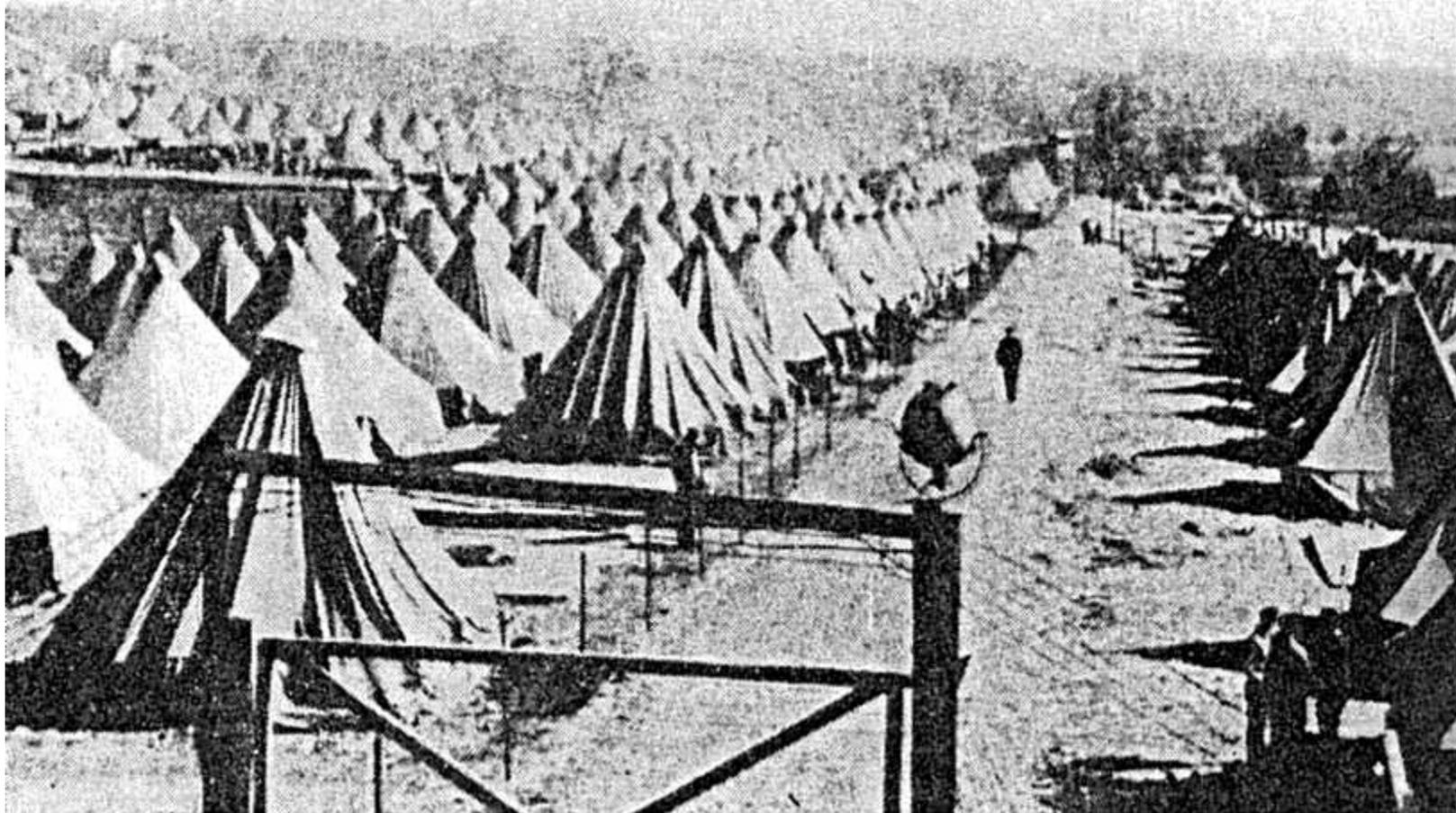


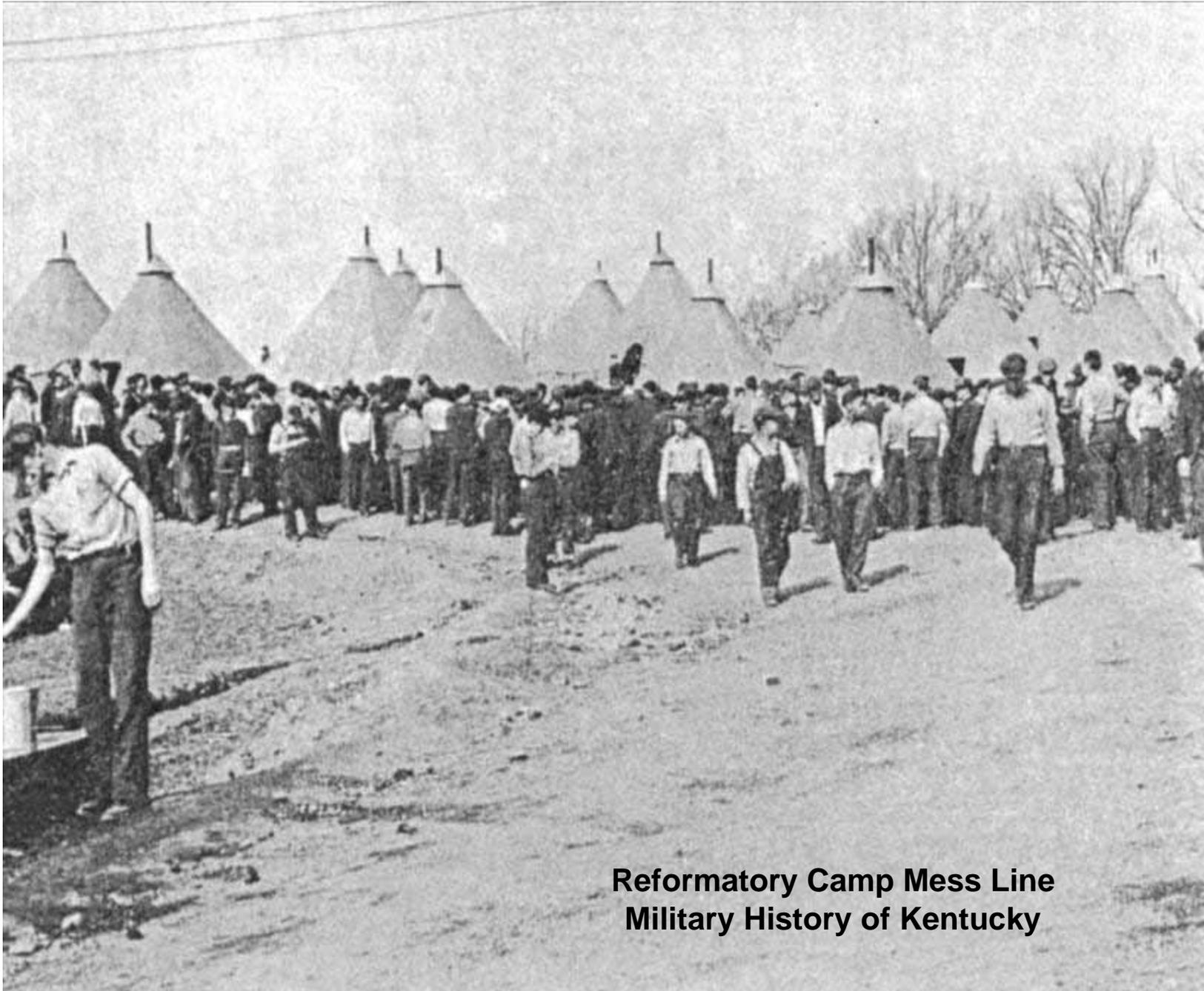
Convicts boarding busses for removal on Main Street in Frankfort. The military truck and ambulance belonged to the Kentucky National Guard who were escorting the convicts. Photo courtesy of Capital City Museum, Frankfort Kentucky.

**State Reformatory Camp Flood of 1937
Military History of Kentucky**



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**Reformatory Camp Mess Line
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Construction of the
state office building
in Frankfort, 1939.
Old prison guard
shack is seen in the
foreground.
Courtesy Kentucky
Historical Society





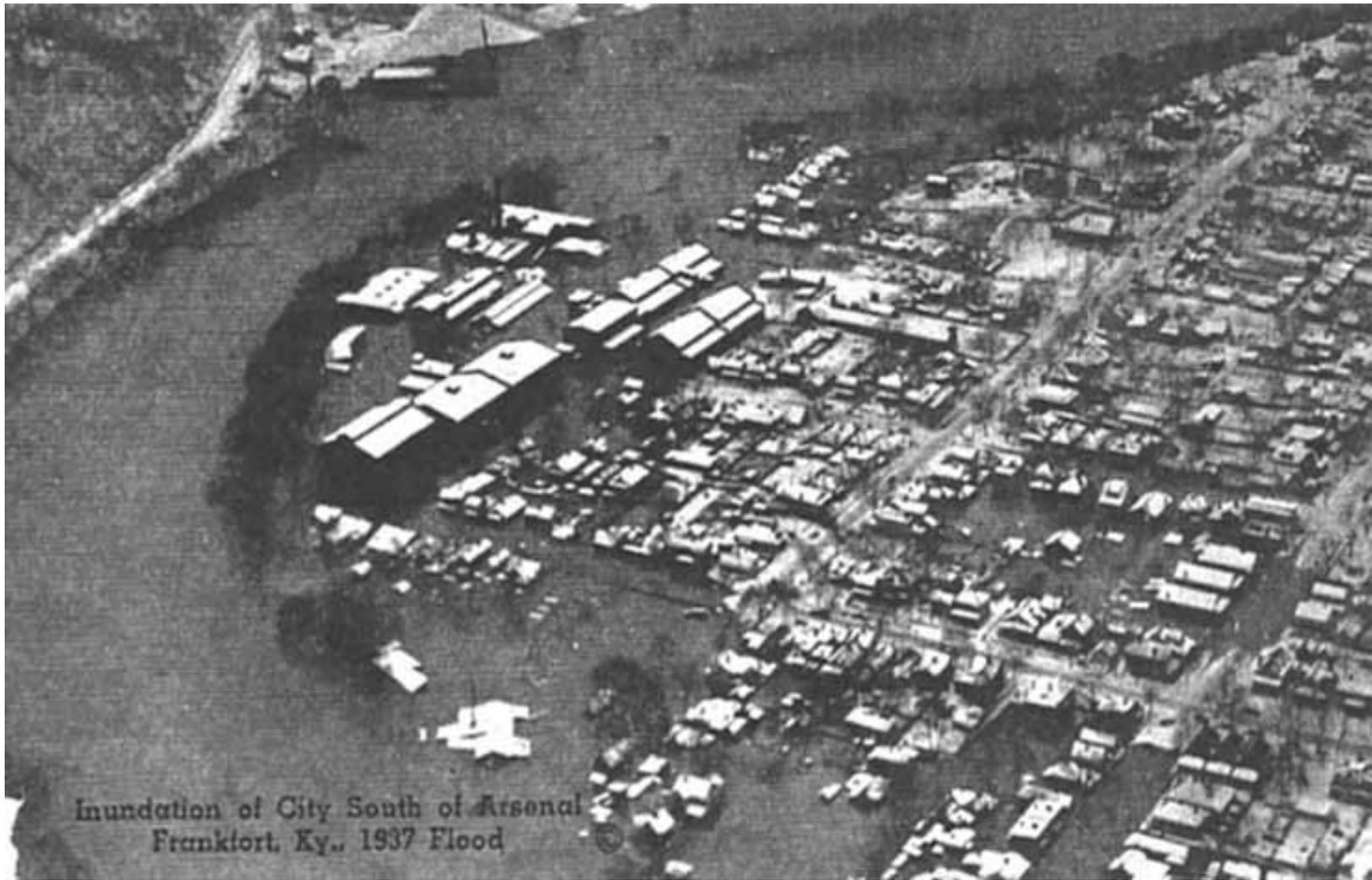
St Clair Street Frankfort during Flood of 1937 courtesy CSM (R) Fred Schleifer. Originally from postcard included in a pocket in the back of a book - The Great Flood of 1937 in Louisville, Kentucky by Willard Rouse Jillson Standard Printing Company, 1937.



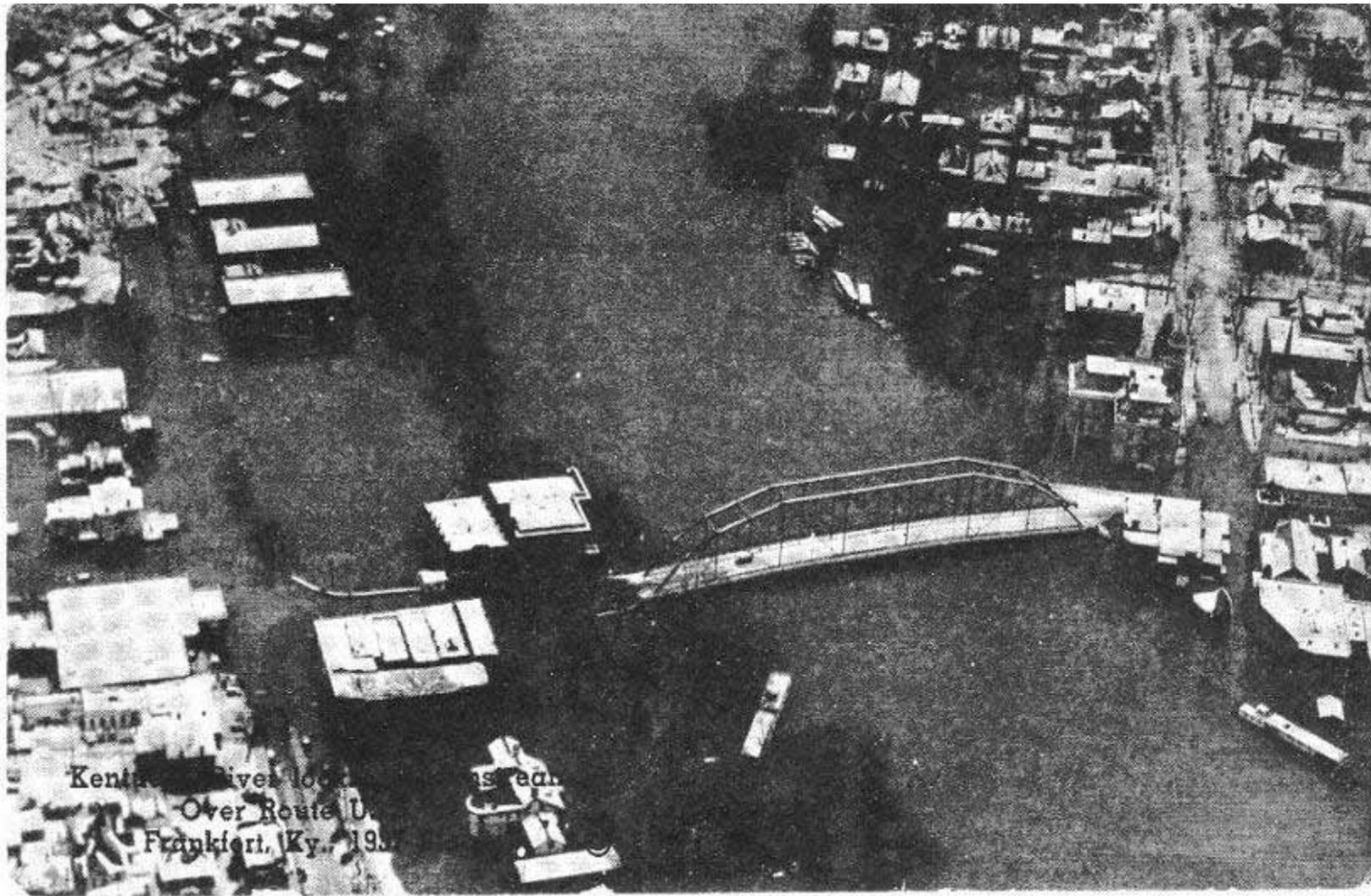
Part of the
Ohio River
in the
streets of
Ashland,
Kentucky
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1936.
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Interior of house demolished by flood of 1937 in Smithland, Kentucky February 1937 photograph by Edwin Locke Courtesy Library of Congress.



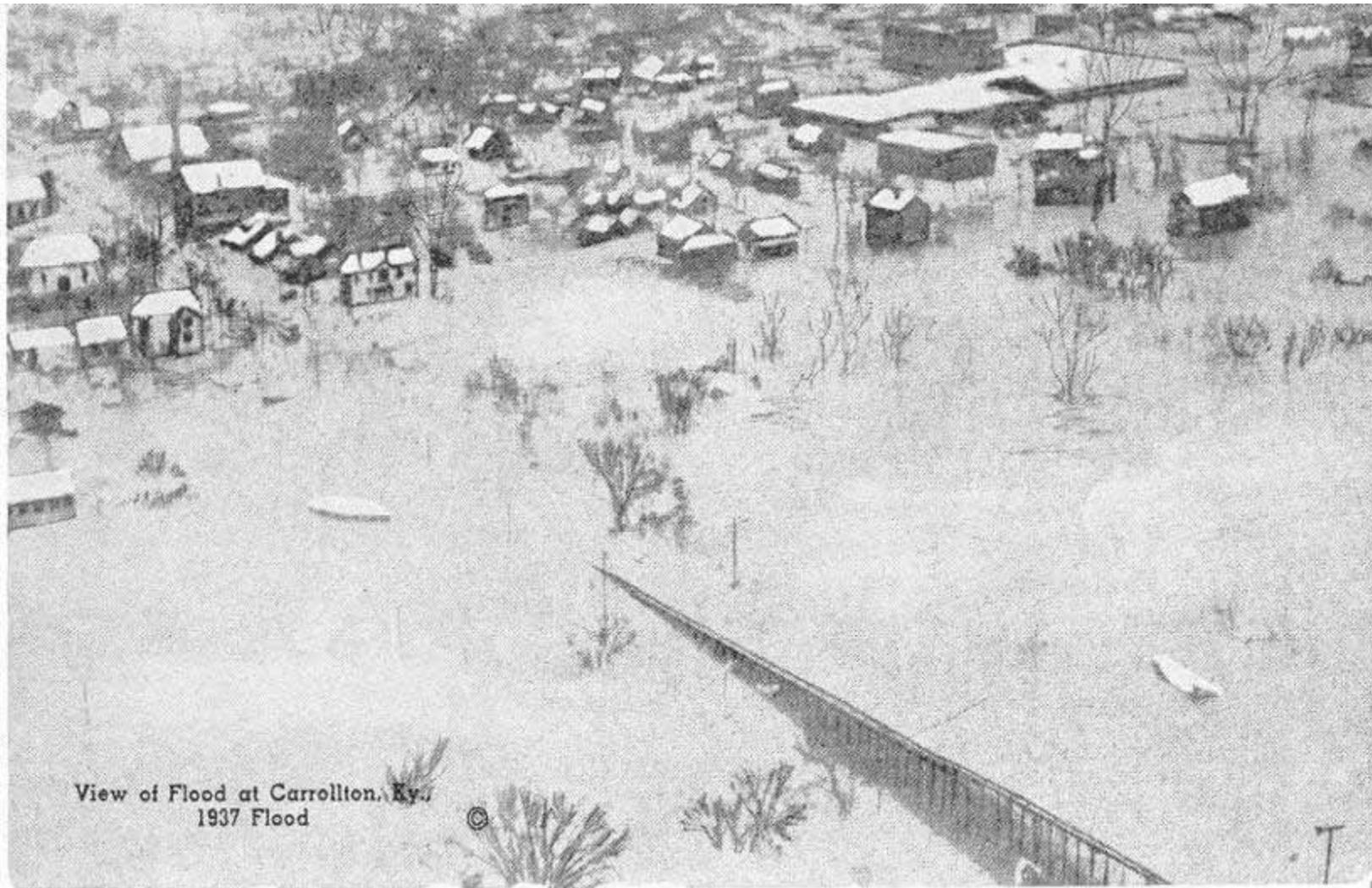
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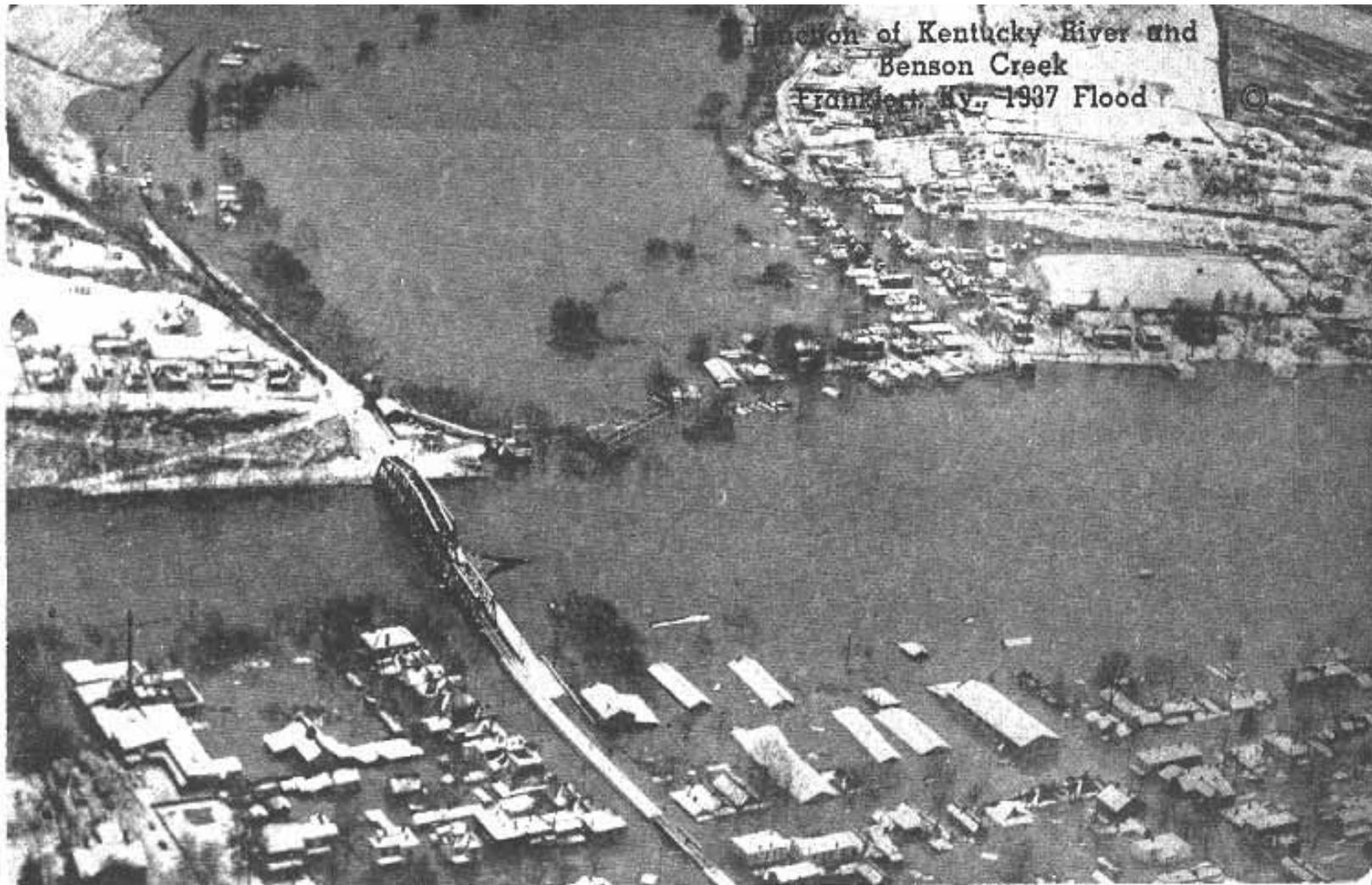
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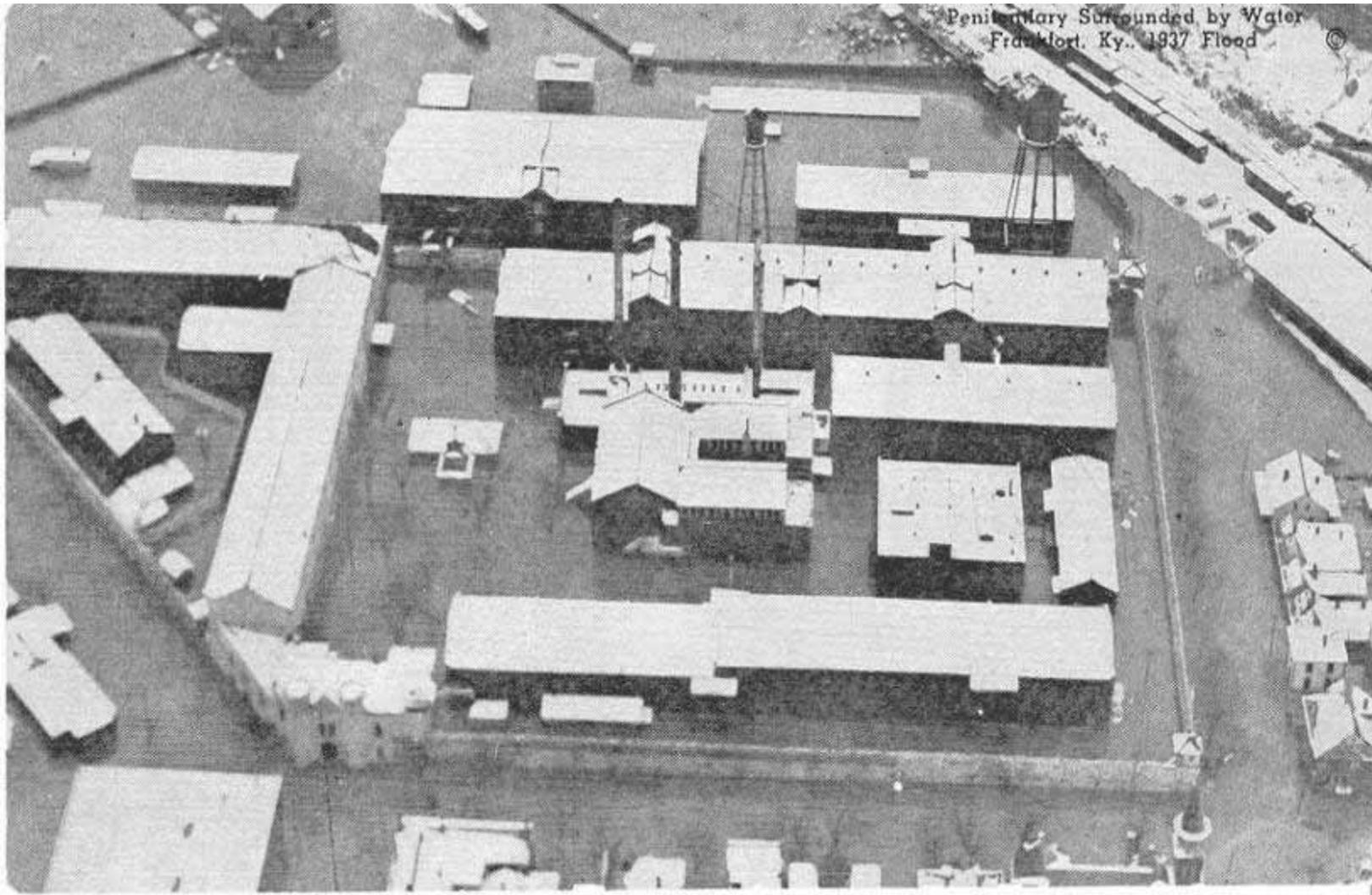


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Unidentified soldier directing traffic in Covington. Believed to be a National Guard member.

Courtesy Kenton County Public Library



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LOUISVILLE KY. (WEST SIDE) 1-27-37.

1938 Kentucky National Guard Yearbook



LOUISVILLE - KY. CHURCHILL DOWNS AREA 1-27-37
1938 Kentucky National Guard Yearbook



Broadway and Barrett in Louisville Kentucky became a boat station and center of relief activity. Courtesy Kentucky Historical Society.



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18. Air View of Covington, Kentucky
Ohio River Flood, January, 1937





D-657-1937 flood-loading convicts near Arsenal-Main Street-B Courtesy KHS



Flood refugees in cannery used by the Red Cross as a relief station. Mayfield, KY Feb 1937 by photographer Walker Evans
Courtesy Library of Congress.

